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NEWS ITEMS

Uriah Lott, builder of three of the principal railroads of Southwest Texas, died at Kingsville, March 29, 1915.

Harry Tracy died at Tulia, Texas, March 29, 1915. His name is successively identified with the Farmers' Alliance, the Populist Party and the Farmers' Union in this State. He was an effective stump speaker. A brief sketch of his life appeared in the *Dallas News* of March 31.

Judge T. J. Brown, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas, died at his home in Sherman, May 26, 1915. He was born in Jasper county, Georgia, July 24, 1836, and began the practice of law in Texas in 1857. He served two terms in the Legislature, 1888-1892, became Associate Justice of the Supreme Court in 1893, and Chief Justice in 1911.

Mrs. Mary Autry Greer died at Beaumont, Texas, May 26, 1915, at the age of eighty-eight. Her father, Micajah Autry, was one of the heroes of the Alamo. A brief sketch of Mrs. Greer may be found in the *Houston Post*, May 31, 1915.

The courthouse of San Jacinto county, a wooden building erected in 1878, was destroyed by fire March 31, 1915. The records in the offices of the county judge, tax collector, county attorney and county surveyor are reported destroyed; the deed records were protected by vaults.